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Dear Boris:

Thank you for your letter. I will pass on your suggestion to Bob Wright. He seems to be prepared to finance his trip, if necessary, since he has to return to Australia via Europe for other reasons, and he would need principally a living stipend. I assume your suggestion carries approval of using your name in approbation if Wright applies to the Runyon fund.

I am very sorry about the conflict of dates, but the timing is impossible. We are having a meeting here on "Genetics in Medical Research" about April 8-10, 1958, and this is being preceded by another at Gatlinburg (the ORNL series) on "Genetics of Somatic Cells". It would be very nice if there were some way we could see you there yourself; the high density of meetings makes collisions very probable. In fact, we had some problem straightening out a conflict with Hollaender on the Gatlinburg affair, and I have to respect my commitment to be there.

The Stockholm affair in early August is the Microbiology Congress— there is at least a chance of our coming, and returning just in time for the Montreal Genetics Congress. Is there any chance of timing your session to correspond, as there probably will be a number of relevant Americans. You should check with Jacob for more details.

Alternatively, I hear rumors of a conference in Moscow, with an international flavor, on the Origin of Life. I would be most curious to go to such a meeting & again there are likely to be a few Americans in transit; but I don't know the dates.

So you see, like so many ~~xxx~~ others I am also abandoning my scientific career to the temptations of travelling about. How many of these things we can really do, or should, is another story.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Are you joking about free will? That is a brilliant sentence!

Please give our best to the Bapers.